

Site of the Next Temple

Commentary for August 16, 2015 — Where Will It Be? Shortened Q&A

Question: I really enjoyed the book [The Temples That Jerusalem Forgot](#). I also listened to you on *The Byte Show* and watched the DVD with Ken Klein ([Jerusalem and the Lost Temple of the Jews](#)). I had a question though. I do believe the Temple was where you are saying. But how could 2 Thessalonians 2:4 say he (Antichrist) goes into the Temple of God if it is not built in the correct spot according to scripture?

Assuming they build it on the Antonia fortress site, how could "God's Temple" be in the wrong spot? Would it be the "Temple of God" even if it were on the original site? Would God even acknowledge this Temple being that Jesus' death on the cross had done away with it? I hope my questions make sense. And where would "our bodies are the Temple of the Holy Spirit" fit in [referring to 1 Corinthians 3:16]. Is this different altogether? Thanks for your time.

Response: The answer to your question is in Dr. Martin's book [Secrets of Golgotha](#). In that book, Dr. Martin shows that the Temple could reside anywhere within a 2000 cubit (about 3,000 feet) radius circle from the original site. Dr. Martin did not repeat that information because *Temples* was already a long book. The last edition of *Secrets* (1996) was completed BEFORE Dr. Martin began to research and publish his Temples information. (Yes, *Secrets* still presumed that the Temple was located somewhere on the Haram esh-Sharif.)

Personally, I do not think the Temple will be rebuilt on the original site above the Gihon Springs because of its proximity to the Tomb of David.¹ Discovery of the Tomb will take decades to exploit all of its vital information. However, God will do as He pleases, and I would be happy with that. If not by the Gihon, then the Temple MUST be close to another source of "living water(s)" that God must open up. He has not yet done so.

Jesus said the abomination of desolation was future to Him (Daniel 11:31, 12:11; Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14; Luke 21:20). Therefore, the intrusions by Antiochus the Great and Pompey's intrusions into the Temple did not qualify. Titus burned down the Temple, but he did not perform the abomination of desolation as described by Daniel and Jesus, as far as we know. Would a fulfilled prophecy of Jesus remain unconfirmed? Josephus does not say Titus did any such thing, but that the destruction of the Temple was accidental.

The Haram esh-Sharif (actually Fort Antonia) was the site of a pagan Temple. I doubt God would have water come forth for a Temple at that location. Some interpreters feel that the Temple will be illegitimate because Gentiles will be allowed to make sacrifices in it. The Anti-christ will enter and desecrate a legitimate Temple. After a measuring of the Temple, the two

¹ In "[The Location and Future Discovery of King David's Tomb](#)" I explain the importance of the incredible items that might be in David's Tomb, items too important to risk damage to anything in the Tomb. Furthermore, the Gihon does not supply enough water to support sacrifices at this time.

witnesses are introduced (Revelation chapter 11), just like Zerubbabel (Haggai chapters 1 & 2 and Zechariah chapter 4), whose prophecies are still unclear as to which were fulfilled and which are yet to occur. Perhaps one witness will be the Elijah to come, and the other will be a Zerubbabel to come (or the witnesses, Elijah, and Zerubbabel may be four separate persons). Both witnesses will be priests within the Temple. Jesus' prophecy about the abomination indicates a legitimate Temple. God will choose where He wants the Temple, and He will determine and make clear the legitimacy of that Temple. Jesus' prophecy will be fulfilled.

The exciting thing about knowing the correct location of the original Temples is that the Jews could build it as soon as they decide upon a biblically appropriate site. A Sanhedrin now exists to make that decision. Again, God will determine where the Temple will be. He shall do so (I believe) by opening a massive source of water within the 2,000 cubit radius. Feel free to disagree! Time will tell. God will make things clear to all of us before Christ returns.

Question: I agree with you. That helps me make sense of some things. I think you are right about the legitimacy of the future Temple. My next question is, how would we know that the Temple is legitimate in the sense that God acknowledges it? Would it be the Ark of the Covenant being there? Like you said, Jesus spoke of a future Temple as well as Paul, so it is obvious that there will be another.

Response: The two witnesses will have great authority to make decisions and I believe they will make sure the Temple is legitimate. Later, the Antichrist will perform his abomination. I don't think the Ark of the Covenant will be present at first, as Dr. Martin and I have written about previously. Search for "Ark of the Covenant" on the ASK website search engine. Second Maccabees 2:1–19 says Jeremiah buried the Ark on Mt. Nebo, near where Moses is buried. It is possible the Antichrist will discover the Ark to validate himself as Messiah.

"And it shall come to pass, when you be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, says YHWH, they shall say no more, 'The ark of the covenant of YHWH':

**neither shall it come to mind:
neither shall they remember it;
neither shall they visit it;
neither shall that be done any more."**

• Jeremiah 3:16

I think this shows that God (through Jeremiah), does not want the Ark to be used in worship, or to be worshipped. There was no Ark in the Zerubbabel's Temple, or the Herodian Temple. I believe that initially there will be no Ark in the next Temple (unless the Antichrist puts one there as a false credential of him being the true messiah). There is no mention of an Ark in the Ezekiel Temple during the millennium, although cherubim are shown on the interior (Ezekiel 41:18, 20, 25). When **"the image of the beast"** (one of the cherubs over the Ark) begins to speak, people will pay attention to its lies. This may be evidence the Ark has been found, yet God says "forget about the Ark." Christ's redemptive blood has already been put on the true Ark in heaven (Hebrews 9:4, 12). Christ's work is already done.

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